



Boman Acres Neighborhood Association

===== ∞ Newsletter ∞ =====

The Boman Acres Neighborhood Association (BANA) is a group of neighbors who seek to improve their community and neighborhood through interaction with each other and a collective voice at City Hall. BANA is open to both homeowners and renters. We meet on the third Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at Nathan Hale Public Library, 23rd and Sheridan.

Volume 1 Issue 2 – February 2010 (revised 2-21-10)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

There will not be a March meeting. The tree planting is now scheduled for March 20 as it was snowed out on the original date of January 30. Since March 20 would have been the day for our regular monthly meeting, we are canceling it and encourage you to meet at Terrace Park at 10:00 a.m. to volunteer to help plant our 21 new trees in the neighborhood. Our next regular meeting will be April 17 at 10:30am.

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, April 24, we will hold our first annual neighborhood-wide sale. This will be advertised in the "Tulsa World" and by signs at the entrances from the main arterial streets. This is a great opportunity for spring cleaning to make some extra cash. You can pay yourself back for submitting your association dues – or even contribute an additional amount for our beautification projects! We will be arranging for a free city dumpster for 3 days following the garage sale to get rid of trash. More details to come.

The rain date for the garage sale is May 1.

Stay Informed and Up to Date!

By supplying us with your e-mail address, you will be added to our list for the newsletter and any communications about meetings, programs, issues, etc., that come up between meetings. While we are developing a block captain program to deliver notices, this system of having the captains go door-to-door to deliver information is not the most efficient way to keep you informed. We encourage you to add your e-mail address to the form below or register your address online at www.bomanacrestulsa.com. Be the neighbor who knows what's happening first!

Association Dues

The Board of Directors met in January and decided on annual dues for the Boman Acres Neighborhood Association (BANA). Annual dues are \$24 and will run from March 1, 2010 until February 28, 2011.

Your dues will help support our neighborhood beautification efforts, newsletter publication, and events such as the Up With Trees planting, neighborhood garage sales, and block parties. Already, your board has served you by attending an all-day training on neighborhood association leadership on February 20. Dues helped to offset the cost of training and materials.

(cut here)

Please complete both sides of this mail-in form and send it with your dues payment to the address below by March 6, Thank you for your active participation in improving Boman Acres! Make check or money order payable to BANA (no cash please). Mail to:

Boman Acres Neighborhood Association
c/o Terry Wilson Ins. Agency
6303 E 32nd St
Tulsa, OK 74135-5403

We may publish a neighborhood directory at some time.
Please note below what information you would permit us to include in such a directory.

Name: _____

☐ OK to include ☐ Do not include

Address: _____

☐ OK to include ☐ Do not include

Phone: _____

☐ OK to include ☐ Do not include

E-Mail: _____

☐ OK to include ☐ Do not include



Thank You!

To offset start-up expenses and assist Board members in attending the Working in Neighborhoods training on February 20, a collection was taken at the meeting. Contributions totaling \$112.00 were given to our Treasurer. The Board was able to attend a training Feb. 20 on neighborhood association leadership because of your giving.

And thanks again to Jon Kirby, our webmaster, for setting up and maintaining the web site. His work is greatly appreciated.

Our Political Party Precinct Chairs

Gregory Hill (gwschill@juno.com) chairs the Republican party precinct in this area. **Jon Kirby** (unionman79@sbcglobal.net) is the Democratic party precinct chair.

Thank you Tulsa Police!!!

At our February 13 meeting two officers from the Tulsa Police Department came to our meeting and briefed us on the law enforcement efforts in our neighborhood. Corporal Dan Ward and Captain Jonathan Brooks reported that our neighborhood is doing well keeping crime under control. They submitted crime statistics that showed that the crime in Boman Acres is only a fraction of the percentage of crime occurring citywide. Let's keep our neighborhood safe by knowing our neighbors and watching out for each other. For more information on what you can do, contact your block captain using the map and reference sheet in this newsletter. If your block doesn't have a block captain, contact Nichole Miller, VP of Safety & Events to sign up. Nichole can be reached at vpsafetysafetyevents@bomanacrestulsa.com or 381-3875.

Board of Directors

Your 2010 Board of Directors was chosen at the January meeting. All were elected by acclamation except for the VP-Communications. As there were two candidates on the ballot for this office, a written vote was held and Valerie won the vote count. Feel free to call or e-mail your board members with suggestions and questions.

President:	James Wagner	640-8923	jwagner15@hotmail.com
VP- Safety & Events:	Nichole Miller	381-3875	vpsafetysafetyevents@bomanacrestulsa.com
VP- Communications:	Valerie Olsen	851-3041	v_h_olsen@cox.net
Secretary:	Carol Musick	845-1770	carolmusick@hotmail.com
Treasurer:	Terry Wilson	627-0471	capttom@sbcglobal.net

(cut here)

Survey – Want to know neighbors who share your interests? Have ways you can aid the association and its members? Share some information about yourself and we'll get it communicated! You may attach another page if necessary.

What do you do for a living? _____ Who is your employer? _____

What skills do you have that neighbors or the association might call on you for (paid and/or volunteer)? Ideas include lawn care, babysitting, computer skills, media connections, handyman talents, etc.

What are your hobbies? _____

What activities would you like the association to organize (i.e., bowling league, walking club, sewing circle, etc.)? _____

Do you know anyone who can update us on questions and issues (e.g., the OU center)? _____

Do you know anyone who might advertise in the newsletter? _____

Would you like to contribute to the newsletter on any subject? _____

How do you think the neighborhood association can most benefit you? _____

Which beautification projects do you most favor? _____

Neighborhood Beautification Foundation

The deadline to apply for matching grant funds for neighborhood beautification has been moved to this summer, giving us reasonable time to develop a grant request. Many ideas have been submitted by neighbors. The Board has narrowed down the ideas based on factors of capital investment, opportunity for volunteer labor, and long-term maintenance requirements. There are still some questions to be answered. These items were discussed at the February meeting and the many people agreed that we should start with something small, such as proposal #5. However, if you have skills that could help to implement any of these ideas, such as construction or woodworking skills, please let us know so we can choose the best project for our neighborhood.

1. **Benches in the park** – requires permits from City of Tulsa. Could we find “in-kind” volunteer labor to be counted toward match? Would Tulsa Parks let us do this?
2. **Wooden entrance sign** – requires permits from City of Tulsa to construct on city ROW. Contractor would probably need to be hired. What about in-kind volunteer labor? Does anyone in the neighborhood have the skills to make this?
3. **Basketball court in the park** – requires permits from Tulsa Parks. Contractor would need to be hired.
4. **Decorative lamp posts** (PSO would need to be paid for electricity cost)
5. **Sign proposal** – back of stop sign, park path marked with signs, house numbers on curb, yard signs (as follows):

A. Paint house numbers on the curb of any homeowner/renter who wishes to have this done for FREE. Materials such as paint, stencils, masking tape, flyers, etc. would be purchased through the TBF grant. Volunteers would distribute information about the free service and respond to neighbors who would like their curb number refreshed. The volunteer hours can be counted towards the match, decreasing the amount the NA needs to raise in cash. Many neighbors in the association are elderly and could require ambulance service. Due to inadequate street lighting in the neighborhood, this could increase the response time for emergencies. The house number would also include the logo for the Boman Acres NA to bolster neighborhood identity.

Estimated cost: \$300



B. Purchase 10 round signs to be placed on the back of STOP signs that abut arterial streets in the neighborhood. These signs will be fabricated according to the City of Tulsa Neighborhood Sign Guide and installed by City of Tulsa Traffic Operations. Estimated cost: \$400



C. Purchase 150 “campaign style” yard signs for each homeowner or renter who joins the neighborhood association. The signs will help to spread knowledge of the neighborhood’s community orientation and generate interest in to neighbors who may not know about the Neighborhood Association’s existence. The sign will include a link to the association’s website for more information. Alternatively, stickers could be given to neighbors to place on a window or door indicating they participate in the NA.

Estimated cost: Yard signs: \$450 Window decals: \$350

D. Add distance signage to trail in Terrace Park. Probably 4 signs would be adequate. Coordination with Tulsa Parks would be necessary to comply with design standards and locate any underground utilities before placing signs. Estimated cost: \$200

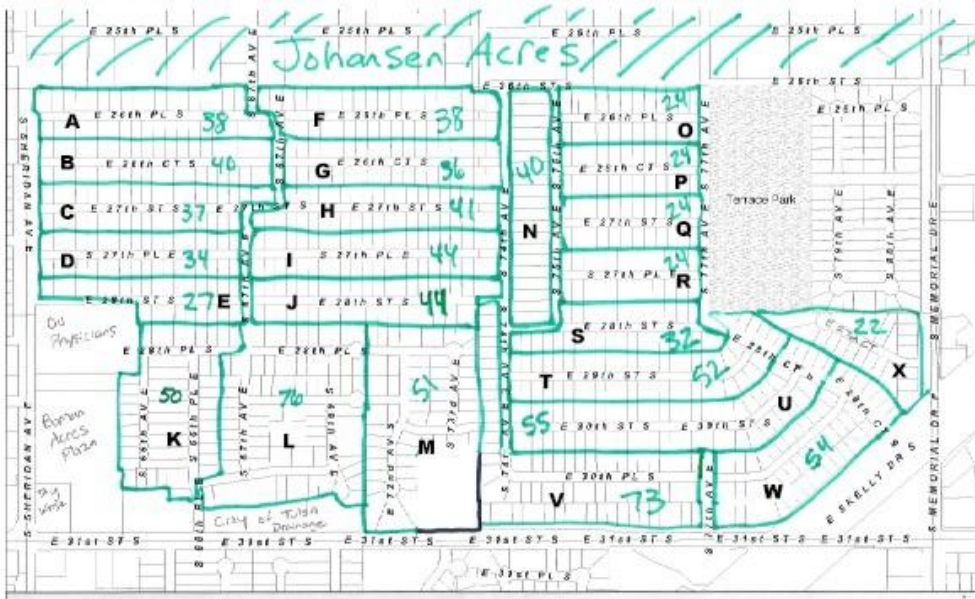
Total Project Cost: \$1,700



Block Captains

Block captains have an important role in an organization like BANA. With 980 homes, it is difficult for the board to interface with everyone, especially those without email. The Block Captain's primary responsibility is to help keep their neighbors informed and to keep an eye out for things happening on their block. This includes delivering notices door-to-door, mainly for those who don't have e-mail, and when the need arises to serve as the "welcome wagon" for new neighbors. This helps keep crime down and encourages a sense of community in the neighborhood. The map below shows the blocks with their letter designations, so you can identify your block captain. As you can see, we still need several more. We hope you will step up and "take a block." Contact Nichole Miller, VP of Safety & Events for more information at 381-3875.

Block A	James Wagner	640-8923	jwagner15@hotmail.com
Block B	John Terry	835-1372	
Block C	Cindy Patterson	835-3576	capatterson1@cox.net
Block D	Chad Page	955-8433	chad@bniok.com
Block E	Janet Jamar	834-6065	Jan3576@cox.net
Block F	Pam Kirby	836-3834	Unionman79@sbcglobal.net
Block G	Susan Kerr	834-6738	susieqkerr@cox.net
Block H	Valerie Olsen	493-2751	v_h_olsen@cox.net
Block I	Donna Nolen	237-8799	d.nolen@cox.net
Block J	Wayne Pruitt	838-7350	waybeth@sbcglobal.net
Block K	Joni Boggs	663-8374	joniboggs@att.net
Block L	Roger & Betty Good/Diana Higgins	694-8545	
Block M			
Block N	Forrest Cowan	830-2630	f.cowan@cox.net
Block O			
Block P			
Block Q	Forrest Cowan	830-2630	f.cowan@cox.net
Block R			
Block S	Nichole & Brad Miller	381-3875	ypsafetyevents@bomanacrestulsa.com
Block T			
Block U	Mike Otto	610-0953	
Block V			
Block W			
Block X	Eva Goines	663-0608	



A larger map can be found at www.bomanacrestulsa.com/blockcaptains.html